The Strange Tales of Oscar Zahn

Stardust & Soliloquies

CHAPTER 5

HOLY JEEZ! HAVE YOU LOST YOUR DAMN MIND???
WHAT? YOU'RE NOT FREAKED OUT BY THIS GUY???
IT'S THE GRIM REAPER!

OW JEEZ!
GRIM REAPER? WHAT ARE YOU TALK-
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WAIT A SEC! YOU CAN SEE ME?

-REALLY SORRY ABOUT THAT... AH OSCAR RIGHT?

NOT SURE WHAT GOT INTO OL' ED HERE. MAYBE JUST HAD ONE TOO MANY RIGHT ED?

TRUST ME. ALL THAT'S KEEPING ME FROM TOSSING YOUR BUTT OUT ON THE STREET IS MY UNABIDING LOVE FOR ALL HUMANITY.

SHINJI. LOOK AT THIS GUY. HE'S NOT CREEPING YOU OUT?

WELL...
HE DOES

LOOK A LITTLE OVERWORKED.
YOU'RE LUCKY OSCAR HERE ISN'T PRESSING ANY CHARGES. I'M NOT BAILING YOU OUT AGAIN, ED.
MISTER, LET ME KNOW IF ED GIVES YOU ANYMORE GRIEF.

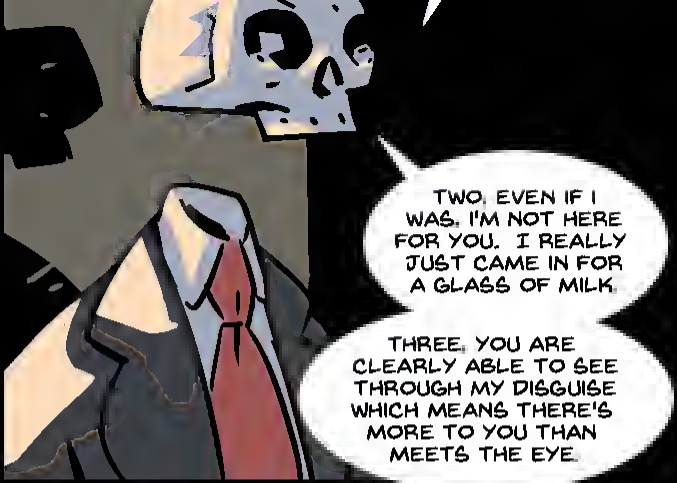
OH DON'T WORRY ABOUT US MISTER SHINJI! MISTER CRANE AND I JUST NEED TO UH... SORT OUT THIS MISUNDERSTANDING.
AHAHAHA!

SO...
WE SHOULD PROBABLY TALK.

OK LISTEN. I KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON HERE. YOU JUST CAUGHT ME BY SURPRISE IS ALL.
WE BOTH KNEW THIS DAY WAS COMING AND... AND.. I'M READY TO GO...

SO... UH... WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

OK. SO THERE'S QUITE ALOT TO UNPACK HERE.
NUMBER ONE. DESPITE MY APPEARANCE. I'M NOT DEATH.


TWO. EVEN IF I WAS. I'M NOT HERE FOR YOU. I REALLY JUST CAME IN FOR A GLASS OF MILK.
THREE. YOU ARE CLEARLY ABLE TO SEE THROUGH MY DISGUISE WHICH MEANS THERE'S MORE TO YOU THAN MEETS THE EYE.

DISGUISE? YOU'RE A TALKING SKULL. WHAT KINDA DISGUISE IS THAT?
ARE YOU SAYING SHINJI'S NOT SEEING WHAT I'M SEEING?
AND IF YOU'RE NOT THE GRIM REAPER HERE FOR MY SOUL... WELL... WHAT ARE YOU?

MY NAME IS OSCAR ZAHN GLOBE TROTTING PARANORMAL

INVESTIGATOR AND PROFESSOR OF CRYPTOZOOLOGY.
NICE TO MEET YOU!
AS FOR MY APPEARANCE... WELL... I SUFFER FROM A CERTAIN CONDITION...

MOST PEOPLE SEE ME THE WAY I WANT THEM TO SEE ME. MISTER SHINJI SEES A DEVASTATINGLY HANDSOME YOUNG MAN FOR INSTANCE.
HOWEVER, MY ILLUSION DOESN'T SEEM TO WORK ON YOU AT ALL WHICH LEADS ME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT YOU MUST HAVE BRUSHED UP AGAINST SOMETHING THAT LIFTED THE VEIL FROM YOUR EYES.
WAIT A SEC. SO I CAN SEE YOU BUT WHAT DO YOU SEE WHEN YOU LOOK AT ME?

WELL...

OH GOD. YOU CAN SEE THEM CAN'T YOU...

I KNEW IT... I'M NOT CRAZY.
I JUST NEEDED AN INVISIBLE SKELETON MAN TO TELL ME SO.
YOU'RE A MAN TOUCHED BY DEATH EDMUND CRANE. THE DEAD CLING TO YOU IN A MANNER I'VE RARELY SEEN.

COME, LET'S TAKE A WALK...

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